

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of compiling a computer source program into ~~a compressed compiler product~~ an object code file containing differential names, said method comprising:

receiving a source program written in a high-level programming language, the source program including one or more program symbols and non-program symbol information;

encoding a program symbol name to produce an encoded program symbol name, without changing the non-program symbol information;

determining a differential name for the encoded program symbol name relative to a base symbol identifying a containing scope for the program symbol, wherein the containing scope is selected from a group consisting of: a namespace, a package, a module, a container object, and a function, and defines a context within which the differential name ~~has an unambiguous meaning is distinct~~, and wherein the differential name is formed at least in part by a sequence of characters constituting a subset of the encoded program symbol name; and

replacing the encoded program symbol name with the differential name to facilitate producing ~~a compressed compiler product~~ an object code file including the generated differential name.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said encoded program symbol name is encoded in an extended format encoding.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein said determining further comprises:

determining whether an augmented differential encoding is needed; and
if an augmented differential encoding is needed:

determining an encoded program symbol name identifier; and
attaching the encoded program symbol name identifier to the differential
encoding.

6. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the encoded program symbol name identifier is a base symbol identifier indicating a base symbol name associated with at least one of the encoded program symbol names.

7. (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the source program is written in a programming language selected from a group consisting of Ada, C++, Fortran, Pascal, and Java.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the compressed compiler product contains debugger information.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of generating encoded program symbol names in an uncompressed form from compiled information containing differential names, said method comprising:

receiving a source program including one or more program symbol names;
determining whether any program symbol names are in a differential format;
for each program symbol name that is in a differential format:

extracting a differential program symbol name and a reference to a base symbol
identifying a containing scope for the program symbol, wherein the containing scope is selected from a group consisting of: a namespace, a package, a module, a container object, and a function, and defines a context within which the differential name ~~has an unambiguous meaning is~~
distinct;

using the extracted reference to locate a non-differential name for the base
symbol; and

replacing the differential program symbol name with the non-differential name for the base symbol containing scope to obtain an encoded program symbol name in an uncompressed form, whereby a decompressed compiler product including the encoded program symbol name is produced.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the base program symbol is a container of the program symbol that is represented by the compressed encoded program symbol name.

13. (Previously Presented) A compiler system suitable for compilation and utilization of source programs, said compilation system comprising:

an enhanced compiler suitable for generation of enhanced compiler products, the enhanced compiler being operable to compile a source program having at least one program symbol name to produce the enhanced compiler products, the enhanced compiler products having a reduced size in comparison to compiler products produced by conventional compilers and including one or more differential names corresponding to the program symbol names; and

at least one enhanced non-compiler component operable to understand and utilize the enhanced compiler products.

14. (Original) A compiler system as recited in claim 13, wherein reduction of size of the enhanced compiler product is up to 40 percent of sizes of conventional compiler products produced by conventional compilers.

15. (Previously Presented) A compiler system as recited in claim 13, wherein the enhanced compiler product is a compiler related product selected from a group consisting of an object file, an executable file, and debugging information.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium including computer program code for compiling a computer source program into ~~a compressed compiler product~~ an object code file containing differential names, said computer readable medium comprising:

computer program code for receiving a source program written in a high-level programming language, the source program including one or more program symbols and non-program symbol information;

computer program code for encoding a program symbol name to produce an encoded program symbol name, without changing the non-program symbol information;

computer program code for determining a differential name for the encoded program symbol name relative to a base symbol identifying a containing scope for the program symbol,

wherein the containing scope is selected from a group consisting of: a namespace, a package, a module, a container object, and a function, and defines a context within which the differential name ~~has an unambiguous meaning is distinct~~ and wherein the differential name is formed at least in part by a sequence of characters constituting a subset of the encoded program symbol name; and

computer program code for replacing the encoded program symbol name with the differential name to facilitate producing ~~a compressed compiler product~~ an object code file including the generated differential name.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 16, wherein said encoded program symbol name is encoded in an extended format encoding.

20. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium as recited in claim 16, wherein the compressed compiler related product is a compiler related product selected from a group consisting of an object file, executable file, and debugging information.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium including computer program code generating encoded program symbol names in an uncompressed form from compiled information containing differential names, the encoded program symbol names being associated with compiler information, said computer readable medium comprising:

computer program code for receiving a source program including one or more program symbol names;

computer program code for determining whether any program symbol names are in a differential format;

for each program symbol name that is in a differential format:

computer program code for extracting a differential program symbol name and a reference to a base symbol identifying a containing scope for the program symbol, wherein the containing scope is selected from a group consisting of: a namespace, a package, a module, a container object, and a function, and defines a context within which the differential name ~~has an unambiguous meaning is distinct~~;

computer program code for using the extracted reference to locate a non-differential name for the base symbol; and

computer program code for replacing the differential program symbol name with the non-differential name for the base symbol to obtain an encoded program symbol name in an uncompressed form.

22. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the base program symbol is a container object for the program symbol.